

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A composite article which comprises:
a filled plastic component defining a first axial face and having a filler material which is embedded within a plastic matrix;
a basic body defining a second axial face which is opposed to said first axial face of said filled plastic component; and
an intermediary component formed of an elastic material which indirectly connects said opposed respective first and second axial faces of said filled plastic component and said basic body one to another,
wherein
said intermediary component comprises at least one projection plural projections extending outwardly therefrom toward said respective first axial face of said filled plastic component, and wherein
said filled plastic component includes at least one recess plural recesses formed in said respective first axial face thereof which oppose said plural projections of said intermediary component, and wherein
each of said at least one projection projections of said intermediary component is received within an opposed respective said at least one of said recesses recess of said filled plastic component so as to connect indirectly said opposed respective first and second axial faces of said filled plastic component and basic body one to another by means of frictional and/or positive connection.
2. (Currently Amended) The composite article according to claim 1, having a ring shape or disk shape, and wherein said intermediary component is at least partly positioned between said opposed respective first and second axial faces of said filled

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plastic component and said basic body such that ~~said at least one projection each of said projections~~ of said intermediary component extends into and is received by said ~~at least one recess opposed respective one of said recesses~~ formed in said respective first axial face of said filled plastic component.

3. (Previously Presented) The composite article according to claim 1, wherein said intermediary component is ring or disk shaped, and wherein the basic body is provided with a bush shaped part for fixing to a shaft, and an outwardly extending flange part to which the intermediary component is fixed.

4. (Currently Amended) The composite article according to claim 3, wherein the ~~intermediary component is injection molded onto the flange part of the flange part of the basic body and is held thereto via includes butt straps or openings for engagement with the intermediary component of the flange part, and wherein and the filled plastic component is injection molded or pressed onto the intermediary component.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The composite article according to claim 3, wherein ~~said filled plastic component is injection molded or pressed onto the intermediary component, and wherein the intermediary component is fixed to the flange part of the basic body by means of a frictional or positive connection.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The composite article according to claim 5, wherein said flange part includes ~~at least one opening plural openings~~ adjacent said intermediary component, and wherein said intermediary component includes ~~at least one stud projection plural stud projections each of which extends through a respective one of said at least one opening openings~~ of the flange part of the basic body, wherein an end of the at least one stud projection is shaped in the form of a rivet head so as to connect said intermediary component to said flange part of said basic body.

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7. (Currently Amended) The composite article according to claim 5, wherein said flange part includes ~~at least one opening~~ plural openings adjacent said intermediary component, and wherein said intermediary component includes a plurality of spreadable projections each extending towards the flange part through a respective one of the at least one opening openings thereof so as to thereby form a clip joint to join the intermediary component to the basic body.

8. (Previously Presented) The composite article according to claim 1, wherein the elastic material of the intermediary component is injection molded around the filled plastic component and the basic body.

9. (Previously Presented) The composite article according to claim 1, wherein said basic body is provided with a bush shaped part for fixing to a shaft, and an outwardly extending flange part, and wherein the intermediary component includes several pin-shaped intermediaries which are distributed along a circumference of the flange part thereby forming a clip joint therewith, wherein the filled plastic component is injection molded or pressed onto said pin-shaped intermediaries.

10. (Previously Presented) The composite article according to claim 1, wherein the basic body is in the shape of a cylindrical bush, and wherein the intermediary component is provided with a bush shaped part which is arranged radially with respect to the basic body and an outwardly extending flange part at a front thereof onto which the filled plastic component is fixed.

11. (Currently Amended) The composite article according to claim 10, wherein the basic body is provided with radial openings and wherein the each of the projections of the intermediary component is injection molded to the basic body such that the elastic material of the intermediary component extends into a respective one of the radial openings.

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12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The composite article according to claim 1, wherein the basic body is made of metal.

14. (Previously Presented) The composite article according to claim 1, wherein the basic body is made of a plastics material.

15. (Previously Presented) The composite article according to claim 1, in the form of a plastic bonded permanent magnet.

16. (Previously Presented) The composite article of claim 15, wherein said filled plastic component comprises permanent magnetic particles as a filler in an amount sufficient to render the filled plastic component permanently magnetic.

17. (Previously Presented) The article of claim 1, wherein said intermediary component is sandwiched between said respective opposed first and second axial faces of said filled plastic component and said basic body.

18. (Currently amended) The composite article of claim 1, wherein each of said at least one projection projections received within said opposed respective one of said at least one recess recesses establishes a frictional or positive connection therebetween.

19. (Previously Presented) The composite article of claim 6, wherein said rivet head is formed by means of ultrasonic or hot stamping.

20. (Currently Amended) A composite permanent magnetic article comprising:
a filled plastic component having permanent magnetic particles as a filler material embedded within a plastic matrix;
a basic body; and

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an intermediary component formed of an elastic material which is positioned coaxially between, and indirectly connects, opposed axial faces of said filled plastic component and said basic body, wherein one side of said intermediary component is connected to said respective axial face of said basic body, and wherein another side of said intermediary component is connected to said respective axial face of said filled plastic component by means of plural projections at ~~least one projection~~ formed on said another side of said intermediary component and plural recesses at ~~least one recess~~ formed in said respective axial face of said filled plastic component in opposition to respective ones of said plural projections, wherein said each of said plural recesses which receives an opposed respective one of said plural projections said at least one projection so as to connect said intermediary component thereto.

21. (Previously Presented) The composite article of claim 20, wherein each of said filled plastic component, basic body and intermediary component is ring-shaped.

22. (Previously Presented) The composite article of claim 21, wherein said basic body includes a bush-shaped part for connection to a shaft, and an outwardly extending flange part.

23. (Previously Presented) The composite article of claim 22, wherein said flange part includes circumferentially disposed openings, and wherein said one side of said intermediary component is connected to said flange part by means of spreadable clip projections extending outwardly from said one side of said intermediary component and through respective ones of said circumferentially disposed openings of said flange part.

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24. (Previously Presented) The composite article of claim 22, wherein said flange part includes circumferentially disposed openings, and wherein said one side of said intermediary component is connected to said flange part by means of stud projections extending outwardly from said one side of said intermediary component and through respective ones of said circumferentially disposed openings of said flange part, wherein ends of said stud projections are shaped in the form of a rivet head.